

available and it is not, therefore, possible to say whether there has been any increase in the incidence of tuberculosis among children.

### Sugar

120. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of recovery of sugar from sugar-cane in Punjab during 1953-54 to 1957-58 seasons; and

(b) how does it compare with that of U.P.?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The percentage recovery of sugar from sugar-cane in the States of Punjab and U.P. during 1953-54 to 1957-58 seasons was as under:—

Season	Punjab	U.P.
1953—54	9.42	9.87
1954—55	8.96	9.67
1955—56	8.88	9.71
1956—57	9.02	9.69
1957—58	9.42	9.93

### Agricultural Ministers' Conference

121. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 724 on the 3rd December, 1957 and state the main recommendations of Agricultural Ministers' Conference held at Srinagar in October, 1957 which have been implemented so far by the Government of India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The main recommendations of the Agriculture Ministers' Conference which have been implemented by the Government of India are as under:—

(i) it is essential to provide more money to States for minor irrigation;

(ii) the Central Government should set up a Committee consisting of experts and administrators—both from Centre and States which should visit four or five States and recommend to States model Agricultural organisations for adoption as well as measures for delegation of powers to agricultural Officers at State, district and block levels;

(iii) to ensure adequate and timely supply of super phosphates to the States, a conference of State representatives and manufacturers may be convened by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture;

(iv) in connection with seed multiplication farms, the amount given for the (acquisition) of land should be raised to Rs. 1,500 per acre; and

(v) the transport arrangements from fruit producing areas to consuming areas should be improved by supplying adequate number of wooden wagons.

### Central Council of Local Government

122. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 283 on the 20th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Central Government have since considered the recommendations of the Central Council of Local Government;

(b) the recommendations which have been accepted by the Central and State Governments so far; and

(c) the reactions of the Central and State Governments regarding other recommendations?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the action taken by the Central and State Governments is laid on the Table